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I NOTE FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN LUXEMBOURG HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING PROBLEM OF MPLA RECOGNITION. WHEN I SAW SAUVAGNARGUES YESTERDAY, HE TOLD ME THAT GENSCHER INDICATED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FRG TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA. GENSCHER SAID THE FRG GOVERNMENT COULD NOT GRANT RECOGNITION TO THE COMMUNIST-ALLIED MPLA IN A GERMAN ELECTION YEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD ME THAT UK FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN HAD REACTED POSITIVELY TO FRENCH ARGUMENTS THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA.
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